



Tips for Summer Success

Summer 2013

Montana Summer Food Report Card

The Montana Food Bank Network created the Montana Summer Food Service Program Report Card to examine how the program is being utilized in each county throughout the state. During the summer of 2012, SFSP sites served over 430,000 meals at 167 different locations throughout the state. Despite an overall decrease in participation and meals served from the previous summer, many sponsors had notable improvements.

The following sites had a 48%-111% increase in meals served from 2011-2012:

Centerville Elementary
Deerfield Elementary
Ayers Elementary
Browning Elementary
Fromberg Elementary
Gildford Colony School
Vaughn Elementary
Boys & Girls Club of Northern Cheyenne
Boys & Girls Club of the Little Rockies
Plains Elementary

The full report can be found on the Montana Food Bank Network's website at:

<http://mfbn.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/SFSP-Report-Card-2012-final-update.pdf>

Montana Summer Summit 2013

Making the Most of Fun in the Sun: Montana Summer Summit 2013

Join us for the 3rd annual Summer Summit. The summit this year will focus on promotion and marketing of summer food sites.

Here is a sampling of topics covered during this year's conference:

- Grant Funding Opportunities
- SFSP Required Training
- Menu Planning
- Marketing
- SFSP Lunch in the Park

Location: Holiday Inn Downtown, Helena

Date: April 24– 25, 2013

Cost: The Summit is free but registration is required for all participants.

To register for the summit or to find out more visit:

<http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/SchoolFood/CurrentNews/13SFSPSummitReg.pdf>

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SFSP Required Training (Dates & Locations)

May 6, 2013 Cascade	May 14, 2013 Hardin	May 21, 2013 Kalispell
May 7, 2013 Frazer	May 15, 2013 Billings	May 28, 2013 Butte
May 8, 2013 Box Elder	May 17, 2013 Missoula	May 30, 2013 Helena

All sponsors must register for and attend the SFSP required training. Follow this link to the registration sheet:

<http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/SchoolFood/CurrentNews/13SummerFSReg.pdf>

Program Policy Reminders

Summer Food Outreach

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, establishes requirements for conducting outreach to households on the availability of Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) meals. The new law requires that all SFAs work with SFSP service institutions to inform eligible families of the availability and location of free meals for students when the regular school year ends.

To help SFAs meet this requirement, the Office of Public Instruction School Nutrition Program and the Montana

Food Bank Network have developed a variety of outreach materials that schools can use to advertise the availability of the Summer Food Service Program. These materials include; letters to parents, a variety of fliers, postcards, door hangers, and bookmarks. Most of these materials can be edited to include specific site or sponsor information. The materials can be found on the OPI website.

Acceptable outreach activities may include developing or disseminating

printed or electronic materials to families of school children prior to the end of the school year, which provides information on the availability and location of SFSP meals.



No More Meal Service Time Restrictions



As of Summer 2012, restrictions on time between meals in the SFSP are waived. Previously, sponsors had to have three hours between breakfast and lunch or four hours between lunch and supper if no afternoon snack was served. Now, sponsors may schedule meals without these time considerations. Many sponsors have found this helpful for serving breakfast to older children and teens that don't wake up quite as early as younger children.

Sponsors must continue to establish meal times for each site and provide this information to the state agency. Therefore, when applying to participate in the Program or providing annual updates to Program information, sponsors must provide the state agency with information regarding the times of the meal service at each site, but are not required to ensure that specific time periods elapse between the meal services.

Three Reasons to Start a Breakfast Program in 2013:

1. More meals served = more reimbursement
2. The meal pattern is easy to follow
3. You can now serve breakfast later in the morning for those kids that are not early birds

Summer Meal Patterns Remain the Same for 2013

BREAKFAST

- 8 oz Fluid Milk
- 1/2 c Fruit and/or Vegetable
- 1 oz Grain
- Optional:** 1 oz Meat/Meat Alternate

LUNCH

- 3/4 c Fruit and Vegetable
(at least two different types)
- 2 oz Meat/Meat Alternate
- 1 oz Grain
- 8 oz Fluid Milk

2013 Reimbursement Rates

	Rural or Self-Preparation Sites	Urban or Vended Sites
Breakfast	\$1.9800	\$1.9425
Lunch/Supper	\$3.4700	\$3.4125
Snack	\$0.8200	\$0.8000

Summer Food Resources

MSU Extension Office to Offer Activity Programming at SFSP Sites this Summer

Do you have a SFSP site near or in Missoula, Great Falls, or Billings? Would you like to have nutrition education activities at your site this summer? The Montana State University Extension Office will offer nutrition activities at sites in Missoula, Great Falls, and Billings this summer—free! Contact MSU Extension to learn more or schedule an activity.

To learn more about nutrition activities as summer food sites please contact:

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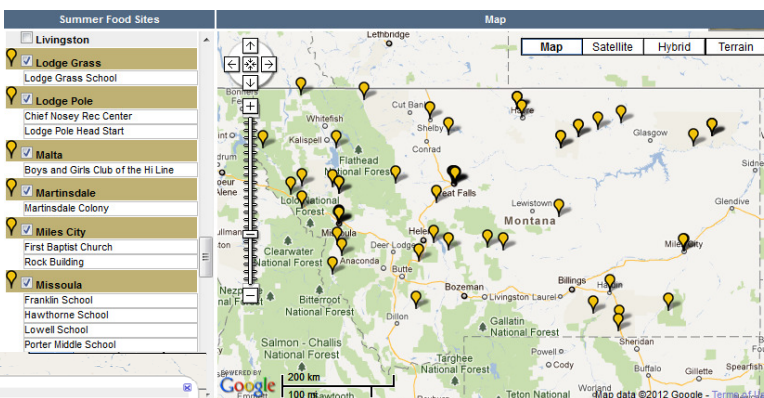


Montana Summer Food Site Map

Need to find the nearest summer food site? Look no further than the Montana Food Bank Network Summer Food Site Map. This map is updated each year to provide users updated information about summer food site locations. Users can search the map by city or county.

Listings for each site include:

- Street address
- Phone number
- Dates and times of operation
- Meals Served

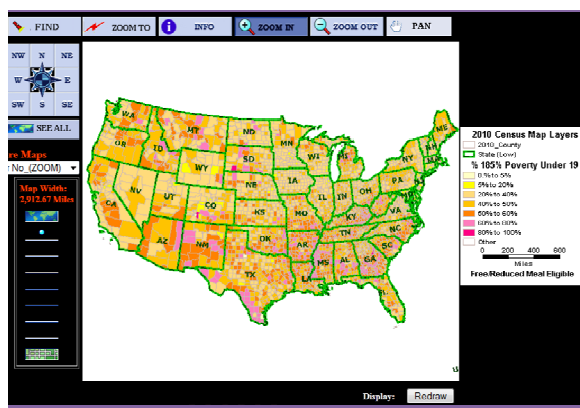


You can find the map on the MFBN Web site:

<http://mfbn.org/summerfoodmt>



FRAC Site Eligibility Mapper for SFSP



Food Research and Action Center
FRAC

Interested in starting a new SFSP site?

FRAC's new Site Eligibility Mapper allows you to search a specific address to see if it qualifies for the SFSP via census tract data.

You can find the map here:

<http://216.55.182.132/FairData/SummerFood/map.asp?command=scope&map=0>

Montana No Kid Hungry Summer Activity Guide

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) provides a fun and safe environment for kids to enjoy a free meal while school is out. However, drawing kids into your site can be challenging. Providing activities at SFSP sites is one way sponsors can effectively increase participation.

To help sites increase child participation, Montana No Kid Hungry, The Office of Public Instruction, and the Montana Food Bank Network developed an activity toolkit equipped with all

sorts of innovative activity ideas designed with every child in mind.

Please take advantage of this multi-dimensional activity toolkit, packed full of resources and innovative ideas to start or enhance your SFSP activity programming.

Included in the guide: innovative activities and websites, community resources, giveaways, monthly activity calendars, activity instructions, and volunteer networks.

You Can Find the Activity Guide Here:

<http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/SchoolFood/Summer/13SFSPActivityToolkit.pdf>

MT No Kid Hungry Mini-Grants

Two mini-grant opportunities are available this summer to help program sponsors increase child participation at SFSP sites. The grants, funded by Montana No Kid Hungry and the Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS), will be available in amounts of up to \$2,000 and \$4,000 respectively.

Sponsors can apply for the grants to help:

- Add sites
- Add days of operation
- Add meal services (Breakfast, Snack, etc.)
- Provide activities
- Conduct local outreach efforts
- Other efforts aimed at increasing participation

The mini-grants will be awarded based on a competitive application process and all sponsors are welcome to apply. Two separate applications will be available online soon. All sponsors will be notified when the applications become available.

Apply Here:

<http://mt.nokidhungry.org/summergrants>



Summer Youth Ambassadors in Helena

Two Summer Youth Ambassadors will work in the Helena area this summer to help SFSP sites increase participation. The ambassadors will work with sites in Helena, Townsend, East Helena, and Boulder.

- Evaluate barriers to participation
- Assist sites in offering activities
- Provide activities at sites
- Create outreach materials
- Work with local organizations and businesses to advertise sites

The ambassadors will be housed in the OPI School Nutrition Programs office.

We Want to Hear From You!

Do you have a tasty summer time recipe? Would you like to recognize an outstanding employee or community supporter? If so, please share your story, resource and/or photo for our next newsletter!

Please e-mail your items to:

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Have an excellent summer!

If you have questions about any of the information in this newsletter, please contact OPI School Nutrition Programs at (406) 444-2501 or visit:

http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/Summer.html